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Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD
IN THE COUNTY OF KENT

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Borough of Ashford, in accordance with the requirements of section 63 of, and Schedule 9 to, the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for that borough.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 10 June 1974, that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Ashford Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Kent County Council, parish councils in Ashford borough, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of the local newspapers circulating in the area and of the Local Government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from any interested bodies.
3. The Ashford Borough Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. When doing so, they were asked to observe the rules laid down in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and the guidelines which we set out in our Report No 6 about the proposed size of the council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were also asked to take into account any views expressed to them following their consultation with local interests. We therefore asked that they should publish details of their provisional proposals about a month before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. The Council had passed a resolution under section 4(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 requesting the Secretary of State to provide for a system of whole council elections.
5. On 10 December 1974 the Ashford Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the district into 45 wards each returning 1 or 2 councillors to form a council of 49.
6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council together with the comments which had been made upon it. We noted that the draft scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and our guidelines and we considered that it provided a satisfactory basis of representation for the district. We carefully considered all the comments and concluded that the proposed alternatives could not be accepted without causing an imbalance of electoral representation and producing a scheme which would not be as good as the one presented by the Council. On the advice of Ordnance Survey we made some realignments to the proposed ward boundaries. We also decided to shorten the name of one of the wards. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.
7. On 30 January 1975 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had commented on the Council's draft scheme. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals and the accompanying map which defined the proposed ward boundaries available for inspection at their main offices. Representations on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices from members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 27 March 1975.
8. We received criticism of one of our boundary realignments and, after further consultation with Ordnance Survey, we are persuaded that we should withdraw it. We therefore propose that the northern boundary of the Ashford

Central ward should be as originally proposed by the Borough Council.

from the Borough Council

9. We received suggestions/for alternative names for 10 of the proposed wards. We thought these new names were preferable and decided to adopt them in our final proposals.

10. We received representations from a political association asking that the existing arrangements in the urban area should be retained as near as possible, with the existing 6 and 5 member wards being divided, if necessary, into 2 and 3 member wards. We carefully considered this suggestion but decided that there were no grounds for changing our draft proposals, which had been found to be generally acceptable locally.

11. Representations were also received asking that the parishes of Brabourne and Smeeth should be included in the same district ward instead of in separate wards as in our published proposals. We had some sympathy with this request which we had considered at an earlier stage in the review. At that time we had concluded that we could not grant it without producing an adverse effect on the balance of representation in other wards. We can find no reason to reverse this decision.

PUBLICATION

12. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 a copy of this report and a copy of the map are being sent to the Ashford Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's offices at Ashford, Kent. Copies of this report, without maps, are being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the maps is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

Signed

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ASHFORD BOROUGH: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ALDINGTON	1
APPLEDORE	1
ASHFORD BOCKHANGER	1
ASHFORD BROOKFIELD	1
ASHFORD BYBROOK	1
ASHFORD CENTRAL	2
ASHFORD EASTMEAD	1
ASHFORD HAMPDEN	1
ASHFORD HENWOOD	1
ASHFORD KENNINGTON LEES	1
ASHFORD MUSGROVE	1
ASHFORD QUEENS	1
ASHFORD SINGLETON	2
ASHFORD SOUTH WILLESBOROUGH	1
ASHFORD SPEARPOINT	1
ASHFORD TWELVE ACRES	1
ASHFORD VICTORIA PARK	1
ASHFORD WARREN	1
ASHFORD WATERSIDE	1
ASHFORD WINDMILL	1
ASHFORD WILLESBOROUGH LEES	1
ASHFORD WOOLREEDS	1
BETHERSDEN	1
BIDDENDEN	1
BOUGHTON ALUPH	1
BRABOURNE	1
CHARING	2
CHILHAM	1
GREAT CHART	1
HAMSTREET	1
HIGH HALDEN	1
HOTHFIELD	1
KINGSNORTH	1
MERSHAM	1
PLUCKLEY	1
ROLVENDEN	1
SMARDEN	1
STANHOPE	2
TENTERDEN EAST	1
TENTERDEN ST MICHAELS	1
TENTERDEN SOUTH EAST	1
TENTERDEN WEST	1
WITTERSHAM	1
WOODCHURCH	1
WYE	1

ASHFORD BOROUGH: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

NOTE: Where the boundary is described as following a road, railway, river, canal or similar feature, it should be deemed to follow the centre line of the feature unless otherwise stated.

ASHFORD CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Great Chart CP meets the railway, thence northwestwards and following said CP boundary and the eastern boundary of Hothfield CP to Maidstone Road, thence southeastwards along said road, New Street, and Park Street to Ringway (Wellesley Road), thence northeastwards along said road to Mace Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to the eastern arm of the river known as East Stour, thence southwards and following said river to the railway, thence northwestwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD WARREN WARD

Commencing at a point where Magazine Road meets the northeastern boundary of Ashford Central Ward thence northwestwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Hothfield CP, thence northeastwards along said boundary and the southeastern boundary of Westwell CP to the western boundary of Boughton Aluph CP, thence southwards along said boundary to its most southerly point; thence southwards to and along the drain and continuing southeastwards along the stream forming the southern boundary of parcel nos 5759, 7135, 8324 to the western boundary of Parcel No 0005, thence southwestwards to the drain flowing through the last named parcel, all as shown on OS 1:2500 Plan TR 00/0144 Edition of 1971, thence southeastwards along said drain to the unnamed road leading to Bybrook Cemetery, thence southeastwards along said road to Canterbury Road, thence southwestwards along said road and Magazine Road to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD BOCKHANGER WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Ashford Warren Ward meets Canterbury Road, thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the southern boundary of Boughton Aluph CP, thence northeastwards along said boundary and continuing along the path that leads to Grosvenor Road, to Grosvenor Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Lower Vicarage Road, thence southeastwards and northeastwards along said road to Faversham Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the road known as The Pasture, thence southwestwards and following said road and Bybrook Road to Canterbury Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD KENNINGTON LEES WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Ashford Bockhanger Ward meets the southern boundary of Boughton Aluph CP, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to the western boundary of Wye CP, thence southwestwards along said boundary and continuing along the railway to a point opposite the northern boundary of the orchard, thence northwestwards and following said boundary, the southern boundary of Kennington Nursery and the access road to said nursery to Canterbury Road, thence southwestwards along said road to The Street, thence northwestwards along said street to Upper Vicarage Road, thence southwestwards along said road, and the northern boundary of Ashford Bockhanger Ward to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD BYBROOK WARD

Commencing at a point on the southern boundary of Ashford Bockhanger Ward opposite the eastern boundary of Parcel No 5171 as shown on OS 1:2500 Plan TR 00/0143 Edition of 1959, thence northeastwards and following the boundary of said ward to Faversham Road, thence southeastwards and following said road and Canterbury Road to the unnamed stream that flows to the west of No 177 Canterbury Road, thence southwards and following

said stream to the river known as Great Stour, thence southwestwards and following said river to a point opposite the northern boundary of Parcel No 6459 on OS 1:2500 Plan TR 00/0143 Edition 1959, thence northwestwards along said northern boundary and the eastern boundary of Parcel No 5171 to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD SPEARPOINT WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Ashford Bybrook Ward meets the river known as Great Stour, thence northwestwards and following said boundary and the eastern boundary of Ashford Bockhanger Ward to the southern boundary of Ashford Kennington Lees Ward, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said boundary to the railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to the river known as Great Stour, thence northwestwards along said river to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD WILLESBOROUGH LEES WARD

Commencing at a point where the Ashford-Folkestone Railway meets Boys Hall Road, thence northeastwards along said road, the footpath between Boys Hall Road and Bentley Road, Bentley Road and continuing along Church Road to Hythe Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Mill Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane and the path being a continuation of said lane to Ashford By-Pass thence northwestwards along said by-pass to the Ashford-Canterbury railway, thence northeastwards along said railway to the western boundary of Wye CP, thence southeastwards and following said boundary, the western boundary of Hinxhill CP, the western boundary of Mersham CP and the northern boundary of Sevington CP to the Ashford to Folkestone railway, thence northwestwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD WINDMILL WARD

Commencing at a point where Hythe Road meets the Ashford-Canterbury railway, thence northeastwards along said railway to the western boundary of Ashford Willesborough Lees Ward, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to Hythe Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD HENWOOD WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Ashford Central Ward meets the Ashford-Folkestone railway, thence northeastwards and following said boundary, continuing along the river known as East Stour and the river known as Great Stour to the western boundary of Ashford Willesborough Lees Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary the western boundary of Ashford Windmill Ward and continuing along the Ashford-Canterbury Railway to the Ashford-Folkestone railway, thence northwestwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD ~~QUEENS~~ WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Ashford Central Ward meets the southeastern boundary of Ashford Warren Ward, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary and the southeastern boundary of Ashford ~~Dockhanger~~ Ward to the southern boundary of Ashford Lybrook Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Ashford Henwood Ward, thence generally southwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Ashford Central Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD WATERSIDE WARD

Commencing at a point where Osborne Road meets the western boundary of Ashford Willesborough Lees Ward, thence northwestwards along said road to the

eastern boundary of Ashford Henwood Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Ashford Windmill Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Ashford Willesborough Lees Ward, thence southeastwards and southwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD TWELVE ACRES WARD

Commencing at a point where the Ashford-Folkestone Railway meets the western boundary of Ashford Willesborough Lees Ward, thence northwestwards along said railway to the eastern boundary of Ashford Henwood Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Ashford Waterside Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Ashford Willesborough Lees Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD SOUTH WILLESBOROUGH WARD

Commencing at a point where the Ashford-Hastings Railway meets the northern boundary of Kingsnorth CP, thence northwards along said railway to the southern boundary of Ashford Henwood Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary and the southern boundaries of Ashford Twelve Acres Ward and Ashford Willesborough Lees Ward, to the northern boundary of Sevington CP, thence southwestwards and following the said boundary and the northern boundary of Kingsnorth CP to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD EASTMEAD WARD

Commencing at Grid Reference TR 0072041410 being a point in Beaver Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Bond Road, thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 210 - 112 Beaver Road, northeastwards to and along said boundaries to the ^{rear} boundaries of Nos 1 - 157 Christchurch Road, thence northwestwards along said boundaries crossing Francis Road and William Road to the rear boundaries of Nos 31 - 1 Jemmett Road, thence northeastwards along said boundaries, crossing Christchurch Road and Chichester Close, and in prolongation thereof to the Great Stour; thence northwestwards along the Great Stour to the pathway leading to the railway thence northeastwards along said path to the southern boundary of Ashford Central Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary, the southern boundary of Ashford Henwood Ward and the western boundary of

Ashford South Willesborough Ward to a point opposite the southernmost point of No 274 New Town Road, thence northwestwards in a straight line to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD HAMPDEN WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Kingsnorth CP meets the rear boundaries of Nos 15-1 St Stephen's Walk, thence southeastwards along said boundaries to the rear boundaries of No 137-63 Kingsnorth Road, thence northeastwards along said boundaries, crossing St Stephen's Walk, the western boundaries of Nos 4 and 5 Knock Road, the western boundaries of Nos 3 and 4 Poncia Road, No 6 Beaver Lane, crossing Beaver Lane and the eastern boundary of No 15 Beaver Lane and the rear boundaries of Nos 5-17 Langholm Road to the southern boundary of the Allotment Gardens, thence southeastwards and northeastwards along said southern and eastern boundaries to

the southern boundary of Ashford Eastnead Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Ashford South Willesborough Ward, thence generally southwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Kingsnorth CP, thence westwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD WOOLREEDS WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Kingsnorth CP meets Cuckoo Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to Beaver Lane, thence southeastwards and following said lane to the western boundary of Ashford Hampden Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Kingsnorth CP, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD MUSGROVE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Ashford Woolreeds Ward meets Brookfield Road, thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of The Crusader public house, thence northeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 12, 20 and 22 Arlington to the road known as Noakes Meadow, thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 38 - 46 Arlington, thence northeastwards along said boundaries and westwards along the northern boundary of No 46 Arlington to the road known as Arlington, thence northwards along said road to the road known as Little Knoll, thence northeastwards along said road to the road known as Harper/^{Road} thence northeastwards along said road to a point being the prolongation southeastwards of the rear boundaries of Nos 66, 68, 76-82 Arlington, thence northwestwards along said prolongation and said boundaries to the eastern boundaries of Nos 32 and 34 Hillbrow Lane, thence northeastwards along said boundaries to Hillbrow Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to the access road to Ashford

Rothelave Secondary School thence northeastwards along said road and Jemmett Road to the road known as Musgrove, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 59-53 Jemmett Road thence northeastwards to and along said boundaries to the western boundary of the Sports Ground, thence southeastwards along said boundary and the western and southern boundary of the Allotment Gardens to the rear boundaries of Nos 62-70 William Road thence southwestwards along said boundaries to Bond Road, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the boundary between No 67 William Road and No 46 Bond Road, thence northeastwards to and along said boundary and southeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 42-2 Bond Road, crossing Francis Road to the western boundary of Ashford Eastmead Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the western boundary of Ashford Hamptden Ward to the northern boundary of Ashford Woolreeds Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD BROOKFIELD WARD

Commencing at a point where Beaver Lane meets the northern boundary of Ashford Woolreeds Ward, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along said lane to Brookfield Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the road known as Arlington, thence northeastwards along said road to Beaver Lane, thence northwards along said lane to the path to the rear of Nos 28-38 Clockhouse, thence northeastwards along said path and in prolongation thereof to Hillbrow Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to the western boundary of Ashford Musgrove Ward, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the northern boundary of Ashford Woolreeds Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD VICTORIA PARK WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Ashford Brookfield Ward

meets Brookfield Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Great Chart CP, thence northeastwards and northwestwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Ashford Central Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Ashford Eastmead Ward, thence southwestwards and following said boundary to the northern boundary of Ashford Musgrove Ward thence northwestwards and following said boundary and the northern boundary of Ashford Brookfield Ward to the point of commencement.

ASHFORD SINGLETON WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Great Chart CP meets the northern boundary of Kingsnorth CP, thence northwards and following said eastern boundary to the western boundary of Ashford Victoria Park Ward, thence southeastwards and following said boundary and the western boundaries of Ashford Brookfield Ward and Ashford Woolreeds Ward to the northern boundary of Kingsnorth CP, thence westwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ALDINGTON WARD

The parishes of Aldington, Bilsington and Bonnington.

BOUGHTON ALUPH WARD

The parishes of Boughton Aluph, Eastwell, Challock and Molash.

BRABOURNE WARD

The parishes of Brabourne, Brook and Hastingleigh.

CHILHAM WARD

The parishes of Chilham, Crundale and Godmersham.

MERSHAM WARD

The parishes of Mersham, Smeeth, Sevington and Minxhill.

HAMSTREET WARD

The parishes of Orlestone, Ruckinge and Warehorne.

WYE WARD

The parish of Wye.

BIDDENDEN WARD

The parish of Biddenden

HIGH HALDEN WARD

The parish of High Halden

APPLEDORE WARD

The parishes of Appledore and Kenardington

ROLVENDEN WARD

The parishes of Rolvenden and Newenden.

WITTERSHAM WARD

The parishes of Wittersham and Stone-cum-Ebony.

CHARING WARD

The parish of Charing.

HOTHFIELD WARD

The parishes of Hothfield and Westwell.

PLUCKLEY WARD

The parishes of Pluckley and Little Chart.

SMARDEN WARD

The parishes of Smarden and Egerton.

KINGSNORTH WARD

The Kingsnorth Ward of the parish of Kingsnorth and the parish of Shadoxhurst.

STANHOPE WARD

The Stanhope Ward of the parish of Kingsnorth.

BETHERSDEN WARD

The parish of Bethersden

GREAT CHART WARD

The parish of Great Chart.

WOODCHURCH WARD

The parish of Woodchurch.

TENTERDEN ST MICHAELS WARD

The Tenterden, St Michaels Ward of the parish of Tenterden.

TENTERDEN WEST WARD

The Tenterden West Ward of the parish of Tenterden.

TENTERDEN EAST WARD

The Tenterden East Ward of the parish of Tenterden.

TENTERDEN SOUTH EAST WARD

The Tenterden South East Ward of the parish of Tenterden.